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# Our Paper

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## Why does she do it?



By Alan Stearns

Photos by Kara La Lomia

♦ "If you ask people in Portland who they think stands out, who's really Wow, then a lot of people will mention me. I'm respected in Portland like Hollywood royalty, whether I go out as a man or a woman." I looked up at Dennis skeptically, scribbled these words down, and swirled some tea around in my mouth.

If Hollywood royalty were ever to descend on Portland, they would certainly look more like Dennis than me. If Michael Jackson and Madonna and the old David Bowie and Boy George were all to waltz into Zootz in full regalia, surely everyone there would scream and froth and dance all night long. If Michael and Madonna were dancing next to me, I would definitely feel a little repressed, and perhaps fumble with my button-down collar to see if I could make it look a bit less uptight.

Dennis continued talking, painting himself into vivid pictures of the New York and London club scene, where androgyny and drag and high fashion blend to form what he calls visual art, the AIDS era's "look but don't touch" reformation of the disco decadence of years past. He explained trends in fishnet, the problems of dancing in heels, and the time and energy it takes to get made up for an evening. The lack of alternative clothing stores in Portland does not let him find creative clothes, but he knows

how to use what he can find to make his torso more feminine or to add that extreme edge to his chosen image for the evening.

"I only go out as a woman when I'm in a good mood. When I go out all dressed up it's definitely not for sex. I do it for a high, to get attention, to get off on the energy I generate in other people. It's to glorify a feminine part of myself and to break all of the rules."

And he is not the only one. On an average Saturday night in Portland's bars there may be six or seven men dressed as women. Every month or so, drag shows at the Limelight in Portland will attract as many as twenty participants. The culmination of these annual Miss Gay Maine pageant at the Limelight with one contestant from each of several gay bars across the state. Of the men who go to bars in drag or participate in pageants and shows, some are campy masqueraders, some are breaking rules, and others are self-professed drag queens, transvestites, or transsexuals.

What are the boundaries in this world of made-up make-believe? How can I tell when I'm in the presence of a drag queen or a transvestite? Self-definition often conflicts with the labeling done by observers, sociologists, and writers of newspaper articles. As I listened to Dennis, I tried to squeeze him into one of my own

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## Editorial

"There is a man in every woman and a woman in every man."

James Baldwin

◆ When Tim Grover called and asked if I would do an article on drag, I thought he must be kidding. I knew nothing about drag, and I wasn't sure how much I would want to know. For some reason, though, I said "sell me" instead of just saying no. Tim can be quite a salesperson. "Alan! Just think! When else will you have such a wonderful opportunity to open yourself up to be filleted by letters to the editor? Take a risk!" How could I resist.

The only approach I could offer, however, was that of someone who hasn't been exposed to drag and would be really exploring it from scratch. Sure, I've seen a few movies and read a few books, but I don't have the perspective of someone who has spent years with a lot of exposure to gay bars, gay media, large cities, and decades of social transition.

One of the first things I discovered is the power of drag as a concept. It is a lot more than a few men dressing as women. For some people it is an examination of beauty, pathos, or eroticism mulled into an assault on expected norms. For photographers it is a fascination with a visual expression of individualism. For others it is pure satire. It is a tool of political shock to use to provoke reaction in parades and to force observers to deal with the fact that not everyone has 2.1 kids. It is finally a source of anger from those who view it as a negative statement

toward self and womanhood. Above all it is shock and confrontation, in any direction, for any purpose, followed by a wide range of reactions ranging from humor to guilt, from affirmation to ridicule.

I think Tim wanted the article to be a strong statement encouraging acceptance of the many diverse elements of the gay community. I'm not sure I went as far as he would have liked. What I hope to have accomplished, both for myself and other readers, however, is the continuation of a process of challenging our assumptions about what is acceptable or comfortable. Perhaps the next article solicited should be an article by a militant queer or a real flamer trying to come to terms with closeted people or straight-acting persons who she or he has historically kept at a distance. Enjoy. [A.S.]

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## results: Queer Survey

▼ Our Paper would like to thank all of Our Readers who took the time to respond to our Queer Survey. An issue that brings out strong feelings, this survey has drawn more response than any other Our Paper survey! Here are the results to date:

#### Gender Split:

66.6% female to 33.3% male

#### Age Range:

25 - 59

#### Average Age:

39.1 years old

#### Least Favorite Terminology:

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Julie: So are you going to have the trout again, Peg?

Peg: I don't know, hon. Maybe I'll try the Stuffed Sole.

Julie: Fish, fish, fish! You've slimmed down, though.

Peg: Did I tell you that the jeans I bought Saturday had a 32-inch waist?

Julie: No. That's great, but I'm sticking with the meat.

Peg: (Sighs) You've always been a meat-and-potatoes kind of woman.

Julie: I'm going for the Pork Medallions wrapped in Bacon.

Peg: Yeah, you've had the London Broil at least six times. Don't you ever get sick of it?

Julie: Never. Just want to try something different. Besides, it's no worse than you and your Pan Fried Trout.

Peg: I never even liked trout that much until I tried Gretchen's. She just has the magic touch with fish. Did I tell you that I saw her at the gym the other day?

Julie: No. I didn't know she worked out.

Peg: I tell ya, she throws those weights around like they were feathers. Amazing!

Julie: No kidding! Well, anyway -- are you going to have an appetizer tonight?

Peg: The Fried Oysters look good.

Julie: Tell you what -- you order the oysters and I'll get the Shrimp and Corn Fritters and we'll share.

Peg: Don't we always? It sounds good to me.

Julie: No matter what, this time I'm going to save some room for dessert. I want to try the Peanut Butter Pie.

Peg: You say that every time we come in here, but you end up practically licking your plate. If all their customers were like you, they wouldn't even need a dishwasher.

Julie: But Peg, they serve such big portions!

Peg: Honey, children aren't starving in Korea anymore. Get a doggie bag. You can take it to work with you tomorrow.

Julie: Let's stop arguing. What else looks good to you?

Peg: You know what looks good to me.

Julie: Don't be a pig!

Peg: Oink! Oink!

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# NEWS

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Your unique periodical was brought to my attention by a most favorable write-up in the just published book, *The Big Gay Book, A Man's Survival Guide for the 90s*, by John Preston, New York, 1991, Penguin Books.

As I am in the process of making plans to return to Maine in the spring/summer of this year, I felt that getting a subscription to this highly recommended publication would be worth my while.

B.C.P.

New Hampshire

Dear Our Paper,

I did not renew my subscription to Our Paper because I could pick it up free at the Auburn Bookland. I thought I'd save you guys the postage. They haven't carried it for a while, but when I finally picked up a copy in Portland I was extremely impressed with the improved quality - writing, layout, printing, etc. Keep up the excellent work!

T.D.

*Ed. Note: Thanks for the complement, but we took that whole postage thing into consideration when we figured out the subscription price.*

Dear Our Paper,

I absolutely loved the article "QUEER" by J. Nickel in your March issue. I agree it is an insulting, demeaning word to use to describe myself or my community. The article expressed my own thoughts on this issue more clearly

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that I could ever have. Thank you for printing it — and count me in on your survey (DOWN WITH QUEER - UP WITH GAY.) And by the way, a big thanks to all who produce this great paper.

T.P.

Dear Editor,

Queer Nation is ashamed of Our Paper. During a week when "our" community (the queer, dyke, lesbian, gay, fag community) is recovering from a devastating series of hate crimes, Our Paper publishes a front page story that squabbles over semantics and reeks of homophobia.

Criticizing the label "queer" only divides us at a time when we need to be united and proud. Queer Nation's name was chosen to demystify a word that is most commonly used to hurt us. When a lesbian calls herself a dyke, when a gay man calls himself a fag, and when we as a group call ourselves queer, we do it to reclaim any power or truth in those homophobic slurs. Queer is definitely not used, as Jeffrey Nickel states, because "we know there's something wrong with us." It is his appeal, not ours, that sounds like an apology.

Shame, shame, shame on Our Paper for attempting to deflate our beautiful, proud, queer spirits when all of us are working so hard to abolish homophobia.

Edie Hoffman

Queer Nation

Dear Our Paper,

I am so glad to see other gay people opposing the use of "queer." We need to take pride in ourselves, calling ourselves queer is demeaning. I applaud the article - we are gay, proud, and talented people; doctors, lawyers, nurses, social workers, etc. Not "queers."

I stand up and shout with you - no more verbal abuse. No longer will we tolerate the word queer in our community.

B.M.

Letter to the Editors:

I am writing to correct a statement attributed to me in the February issue. Alan Stearns opens his article "Untitled #1" by stating that I "recently appealed to students and campus groups to start a monthly column titled Queer on the Quads." In fact, I appealed to students to write for my column of that name, which appears in Apex.

I think that having praised my idea, Mr. Stearns should have credited me with bringing it to fruition, and should also have told Our Paper readers where the column can be found.

Erica Rand

## QUEER NATION BATTLES BIAS IN BOY SCOUTS

On April 13, 1992, the Maine Chapter of Queer Nation will challenge the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Pine Tree Council on its policy of discriminating against gay men and lesbians. The demonstration is to be held at 12:00 noon on Monday, April 13, 1992, at the Pine Tree Council offices located at 125 Auburn Street, next to the Northgate Shopping Plaza. Edie Hoffman of Queer Nation said, "Our purpose with this action is to expose the hypocrisy within the BSA organization—the Scout handbook, for example, says 'we [the Scouts] should celebrate our differences'—to support those gays and lesbians who have been openly discriminated against, and to enlighten the public about the Boy Scouts, an American tradition that perpetuates fear and hatred against queers."

At the demonstration, Queer Nation members and other gay men and lesbians, as well as straight people, will submit applications to become Scout leaders. Similar actions have been taken by Queer Nation chapters in Washington and San Francisco. The policy of the national BSA and local chapters is to not even process applications if the applicant is gay or lesbian. Only one local BSA in San Jose, California has announced that it would accept gay scouts or troop leaders.

In Maine, the focus of the battle against discrimination against gay men and lesbians is Terry. Terry is a lesbian, who when she went to enroll her son, Nicholas, in a local Portland chapter of the Scouts, was told that she could not be a troop leader because she is a lesbian. (See related article on Terry in this issue of *Our Paper*).

Also involved in this debate is the United Way which provides funding to the Scouts. The United Way has a policy that prohibits the grant of funds to organizations which discriminate, but does not expressly include sexual orientation in that policy. The Maine chapter of the United Way reportedly is considering changing its policy against discrimination to include sexual orientation. The decision is to be made later this month. If the Maine United Way does change its policy, it would become one of a handful of United Way chapters that forbids anti-gay discrimination.

The *New York Times* reported the secretary general of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, Jacques Moreillon, as saying, "Scouting actively discourages homosexuals from joining its ranks. . . . We strongly believe that our scout youth should not be a hunting ground for homosexuals."

See Calendar for more information on the April 13th action and the formation of Forgotten Scouts, an organization for gay former scouts. For more information, call Terry at 874-2384 and Queer Nation at 828-4024.

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### LESBIAN AND GAY AWARENESS WEEK ON CAMPUSES

Area colleges and universities will be holding Lesbian and Gay Awareness Week this month. The University of Maine at Orono will hold its Awareness Week from April 6th through April 11 and the University of Maine at Farmington will hold its from April 5th to April 10th. The University of Southern Maine will hold its from April 13 through April 24th. A number of special events and appearances have been planned.

At the Orono campus of UMaine, Karen Thompson, who recently won a court battle for the custody of her disabled lover, will be the keynote speaker. She will speak on April 11th at 8:00 at Neville Hall, Rm. 101. A reception for Karen and her lover, Sharon Kowalski, will be held after Ms. Thompson's lecture.

USM will host Jenifer Levin, the lesbian novelist, and Lynn Lavner, a nationally known comedienne. Panel discussions on gay and lesbian studies and on bisexuality will also be in USM's program. Queer Nation will hold a recruiting tea.

UMF will bring to Maine Lea Delaria, a comedienne/blues singer, whose award-winning style, it is said, is not for the timid or easily embarrassed. Delaria will appear on April 9th at 8:00 p.m. at Thomas Auditorium in Ricker Hall. Other events for the week include a talk by Diane Elze, a former president of the Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance. Elze will speak on April 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Auditorium at the Roberts Learning Center. Ryan Scott, a Lawrence high school student, will speak on April 7th at 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Auditorium on his experiences of dropping out of school because of gay-bashing by other students.

For more information about these programs and those at other colleges, readers should call the gay and lesbian student organizations at the various colleges. These events are usually free and open to the public.

### BIKE FOR HOPE BIKE-A-THON

A 22-mile Bike-A-Thon to benefit people living with AIDS in Maine will take place Saturday, May 2, 1992 starting at 10:00 a.m. (rain date: May 9). The Bike-A-Thon is sponsored by the People with AIDS Coalition of Maine. The ride is a 22 mile journey from Portland to Cousin's Island. Details of the route, a route map, and pledge sheet will be sent to you when the Coalition receives your completed registration form and fee. Please ask your friends, classmates, neighbors, and co-workers to either join you in the ride and register, or to pledge you. Prizes will be awarded to the top pledged riders and top finishers. T-shirts will be given to riders who turn in over \$100.00 in pledges. Sweatshirts will be given to riders who turn in over \$250.00.

The People With AIDS Coalition of Maine represents people across the state of Maine living with AIDS and HIV infection and works actively with other AIDS and community organizations to increase services already provided and to present AIDS with a human face. For more information call 773-8500.

categories. He only goes out dressed as a woman seven or eight times per year, so he doesn't fit very well into the transvestite category. Other labels were just as elusive. "I'm not camp. Camp is tacky. I'm not a drag queen. Drag queens are fat men with pancake make-up in prom dresses; they're a mess." He kept returning to the term "visual artist" as his preferred descriptive term. When I pressed him he would use the words "whee" and "wow" to try to describe his extreme and avant garde style which didn't fit into any of my categories and seemed to short circuit both of our internal thesauruses. I guess "whee" and "wow" were good descriptors.

I tried to label him to get a grasp on what he is all about and then figure out how I should react to him. As do so many good New Englanders, I struggle with two contradictory moral imperatives: to accept everyone for whom they are, and to keep people at an arm's length if they are in the slightest bit weird. So with Christian breeding in one hand and a healthy dose of internalized phobia in the other, I continued firing questions at Dennis to both broaden my mind and justify my prejudices at the same time.

Despite my hang-ups, I got immersed. I interviewed Dennis at his trendy shop in the Old Port, sitting on a comfortable couch with neo-disco music adding mood and attitude. Surrounded by magazines with glossy spreads on New York drag, we talked casually about *Paris is Burning* and *La Cage aux Folles*. I

listened as he revealed the finer points of etiquette of dancing on sound speakers at the Limelight, and I mellowed as his soothing voice talked about Europe's perceived lack of hang-ups on gender and dress. The more we talked, the more relaxed I became in exploring topics of style, of masculinity and gender, and of "wow" and "whee."

"Last year I went to London and saw a lot of gay men with shaved heads. It sort of scared me. When I got home I shaved my head. I did it to confront my fear. Anyone who's afraid of something should try it... because they might like it." Did he mean me?

Ouch. I snapped back into reality; well, maybe perhaps into rigidity. I got too comfortable which made me uncomfortable.

OK. I have my own "drag" story: When I was in kindergarten there was a corner of the room that had all sorts of clothes. During play time, I used to put on the dresses. I wasn't afraid

of dressing up then, but I'm afraid of it now. I paused, pulling my wits together, trying to figure out how to escape Dennis' call for me to confront my dragophobia, not to mention my baldophobia. I wanted to leave this interview informed and with understanding, but not bald and with garters.

I found my escape by patching together a politically correct rationalization for my masculinism. Drag is misogyny.

Drag is men copying. It was the perfect answer, and excuse. I grabbed the tenets of feminism to pull myself away from the brink of femininity on which I teetered. How refreshing it was to use feminism as an excuse to be a male conformist. I furthered my escape by rationalizing that Michael Jackson and Madonna have never been to Zootz and if they did show up incognito everyone would think they

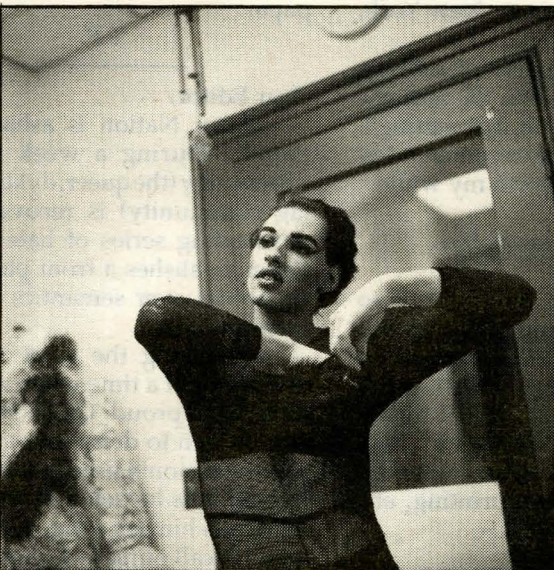


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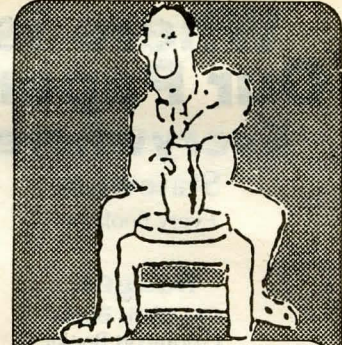
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were weird anyway. And who ever said the New York club scene is anything to emulate? I reminded myself that my jeans and oxfords blend in is okay when I go out dancing in Portland, even if I don't get treated like Hollywood royalty.

The relationship of drag to feminism is complex and my semantical escape from dragophobia fails through the oversimplification of "masculine" and "feminine". Just as I am careful not to go too far justifying macho images through sophomoric reductions of feminism, feminists must also be wary of dismissing drag through the convenient accusation of misogyny. In simple English, cross dressing is much too complex to be written off as self-deprecation or humor at the expense of feminine or queer stereotypes. Those who dismiss cross dressing as misogynistic must consider the parallel judgments against women who dress as men. They must also evaluate the broad range of reasons why people cross dress.

Drag's conflict with feminism comes in part because these men dare to assume both genders and thus affront some very sacred rules of society. Feminism, in turn, is intricately linked with gender imaging, and thus the two will inevitably be forced to square off. There is a fine line between

self-expression and self-contempt. One man may truly be trying to make fun of himself as he parades in a ball gown. The man next to him in a similar ball gown, however, may be trying to escape society's rigidly imposed masculine role,

exploring his feminine needs as best he knows how. Not all men who try to break the stereotypes of society will arrive at an appropriate balance of androgyny and sensitivity as defined by the gender police.

Gender is too often simplified in a manner that excludes the possibility of variation. Words like effeminate, feminine, butch, femme, macho, and masculine that describe gender often have insurmountable connotations attached to them which scare men and women into confining but socially acceptable roles. What do most men do when they are told by a "visual artist" to express their femininity? We squirm. And we squirm just as much when a feminist tells us to get over our oppressively patriarchal

ways. What do we do to stop all this squirming? Dennis' observations on dealing with fears and confronting issues are actually quite on point. He recognizes that a lot of the hostility toward drag is that many women and men are afraid to be feminine. One way to deal with this fear, he says, is to "put on a skirt and a little eyeliner and go dancing." If you need more, try some fishnet and a lot of eyeliner. And if that works really well, climb up on a speaker. Just make sure that it's not Dennis that you're pushing off.

I sometimes describe life to myself as a continuum. On one extreme are those of us who are bullied into conformity through guilt and paranoia. Others are born balanced and mature; and some of us are born to be different. On the other extreme are those of us who are born to be different but go through life basically fucked up and weird.

As you might have guessed, I am balanced and Dennis is different. I sometimes saunter toward repressed and he sometimes promenades toward outrageous. After talking to him, I decided that he is definitely within my comfort zone, or perhaps I expanded my zone a bit so that it now includes him. Dennis' zone already include me. This article asks you to question yours.

"If someone is offended when I go out, they can leave or go to the other side of the bar. There are many side streets in life. Not everyone has to go down the

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## NEWS

### UNIVERSITY OF MAINE TRUSTEES VOTE AGAINST ROTC BAN

A U.S. Department of Defense policy banning gays from military service will not be protested by the University of Maine, according to 6-5 decision by the system Board of Trustees.

The faculty, professional, and student senates at the University of Southern Maine had asked trustees to protest the military's practice because prohibiting gays and lesbians from joining ROTC violated the university's anti-discrimination policies.

Bennett Katz, who was among five board members who supported protesting the policy on March 23, compared discrimination against homosexuals to the military's discrimination against blacks during World War II.

"I am going to vote for this because it will make me feel good," Katz said. "If you can't have a basic statement of humanity in the midst of the humanities, where can you?"

But Dr. George Wood said sexual preference was not the same as race or religion.

"Your analogy is not appropriate to the issue," Wood said. "Sexual preference is something that can be seen as behavioral, genetic, or whatever."

In a 1991 letter to the USM faculty senate board Chairwoman Patricia Collins said federal laws require the university to give ROTC access to the campus, emphasizing the university's obligation to protect the opportunity for military training on campus.

The board had the option of directing the chancellor to protest the military's policy in a letter to defense Secretary Richard Cheney, but Collins and Harrison Richardson said the move could be a step toward eliminating ROTC.

"I do not feel we should endanger the status of ROTC on our campus and what it provides," Collins said.

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Breaking Chains of Silence...  
**Higbie & Trull**

## Taking on the Tele-Ministries

By Michael Rossetti

### NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD DENIED CHURCH SPACE

The Board of Trustees of the Caribou Unitarian Universalist Church denied Northern Lambda Nord's (NLN) request to use church space for its monthly meetings. This is the second such denial in two years.

In a letter to NLN, the minister and the president of the church stated that the predominant view of the congregation was that "any member of Lambda Nord is welcome, as an individual, to visit the church, to fully participate in all church activities, and to become a member of the church, however, we fear that if we allow the group to meet in the church, we will suffer community back-lash, harassment, and vandalism; for that reason we do not want the group to meet in our church."

The Unitarian Universalist Association and most individual Unitarian Universalist churches are very supportive of and embracing towards gay men and lesbians. The action taken by the Caribou UU church is very out-of-step with the vast majority of UU congregations in Maine. The Unitarian Universalist Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Fellowship of Maine meets at the First Parish Church in Portland.

### UNITED WAY REJECTS GAY PHONELINE REQUEST

The Board of Directors of the United Way of Aroostook voted January 16 not to include Northern Lambda Nord's Gay-Lesbian Phoneline as a participating agency for 1992. According to the United Way, the decision was an economic one, not based on sexual orientation discrimination.

The Phoneline request of \$515 for the year represents just over three-tenths of one percent (0.32%) of the \$160,000 in direct support to Aroostook United Way agencies and programs allocated for 1992.

### AIDS PROJECT ART AUCTION SMASHING SUCCESS

The bidding was furious and the art went fast at the sixth annual AIDS Project Spring for Life Art Auction held on March 14, 1992. The auction raised over \$50,000 for The AIDS Project of Portland ("TAP") in just about three hours. Over 180 works of art by some 140 Maine artists were sold. The auction drew over 500 people. This year's event was the most successful one of the six held so far, raising twice as much as the previous record.

Kathy Mills of TAP said that the success of this year's auction was the result of the "extraordinary collective efforts" of the all-volunteer organizers of the event. Kathy, who was part of the auction committee, is very pleased with the financial results of the auction. "But," she said, "What excites me most of the involvement is the people behind the auction." Without the broad community support, Kathy doubts that the auction could have been as successful.

Rob and Annette Elowitch, of Barridorf Galleries, were the auctioneers for the evening. Rob Elowitch said that he had never seen a more successful charity auction in his career. For three hours, without a break, volunteers, all decked-out and corsaged, descended an escalator from the second floor display area bringing each piece of art work to Annette who

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▲ In their first road concert in seven years, Teresa Trull and Barbara Higbie had the rafters rattling at the First Parish Church in Portland on March 6th. The electrifying interaction of the performers and audience drove this performance into a memorable high for all. Higbie is an accomplished artist who plays fiddle, acoustic piano, and electric keyboard/synthesizer. Trull has impressive vocal projection and a vocal range from sultry alto to strong soprano and also plays guitar. The night was enhanced by Trull's sense of humor and the sometimes wild, sometimes intimate interplay between Trull and Higbie.

The duo sang about going through life with changes — something both of these performers have experienced since first going public with their individual music in the late seventies. Their music is an amalgam of New Age Folk, Jazz, Blues, and Brazilian melodies, but whatever the genre, these two were not afraid to ... break these chains of silence and free my heart ...

Higbie and Trull have evolved their style into the next generation of women's music, charting wider areas by writing and performing music for people who love, feel, hurt, change, care, are in relationships, and most importantly - play. The women's music movement, which started in the early 1970s, is now experiencing higher levels of musicianship, crossover, and quality as evidenced by the Portland performance of Higbie and Trull.

The mastery of sound engineer Bob Blackwell provided excellent sound quality for the concert as Wild Iris Productions continues to live up to its mission of bringing quality women's music to the Portland area. While tapes and CDs are attractive and good for listening, there is nothing like a live performance and what a performance Trull and Higbie provided.

Next, Wild Iris Productions will bring us Heather Bishop on April 11th, and the always entertaining Kate Clinton with Diana Hansen and Pixie Lauer on May 9th. ■

▲ Tele-Christianity, as the better known televangelists define it, fails to provide modern society with much more than a good laugh and is - truthfully - unsuitable for spiritual enrichment. Yet, the fundamentalist teleministries are "sacred cash-cows", accumulating wealth, largely tax free, to broadcast regular weekly programs and to fund repressive political activity.

Although many of these ministries have come upon difficult financial situations of late, it's not due to a shortage of cash. Their financial problems lie as much in mismanagement, uncontrollable greed, and imperialistic expansion plans. A disillusioned following that occasionally sees the light - and the public scandals, of Jim and Tammy Bakker, Jimmy Swaggart, etc., also puts a dent in cash flow.

The teleministries often succeed because they offer comfort to the lonely with prayer call-ins, tele-ministry versions of the news, financial planning advice, cooking shows, game shows, country and gospel music shows and even Saturday morning kid's shows, in addition to the outrageous "healings", "miracles", and talking in tongues that are a staple to much of the broadcasting. In addition to these programs and services, the tel-evangelist superstars pander to religious eccentrics, and warrior class pre-baby boom nationalists in talk show formats. They portray themselves as the sole viable force and guardians of family values, which are often never defined beyond the image of a generalized ideal of mommy, daddy, brother, sister, and baby.

Much of their rancor over the collapse of western civilization is specifically targeted against AIDS sufferers and the gay lifestyle - inevitably linked in their catechism. A viewing of programs by such sensationalists as John Ankerberg or Jerry Falwell will spread more anxiety and misinformation about gays than a month of Jasper Wyman sermons. Through calculated misrepresentation, gay bashing has become a successful form of fundraising. It is so successful that programs promoting paranoia about gays and lesbians (while patronizing the self-righteous) remain fundamental to these teleministries. These sensationalized

programs bring in high ratings and high profits. The profits are then used to further very real efforts to alter the essential freedoms that most of us are still struggling to establish.

The profitability of these ministries helps to make such people as Jerry Falwell national figures, and they in turn are pandered to by our real national figures. Their threat to civil liberty goes beyond gay and lesbian issues, even issues of pro-choice, to affect single parenting, free speech, freedom of publication, military service, education, women's and basic human rights. Our constitution, whether gays and lesbians are accorded its basic freedoms or not, grants us freedom of religion, but unfortunately does not grant us freedom from religion. Therein lies the essence of the battle.

Yet, given that the telephone, and the mail are basic ingredients to a financially successful teleministry, there may not be much one can do about the malicious anti-gay programming. However, there are some things one can legally and easily do to affect the profitability of these shows and the teleministries.

Try using your phone. When one calls into a prayer line or a ministry marathon along with the standard request for a "love offering" there is an alert friendly voice that can provide a variety of human reassurances. Unfortunately, these folks are not qualified counselors for personal matters, nor do they have a broad perspective on how to help the lonely, traumatized or the needy. Surprisingly, these very same volunteers will oppose programs of socialized care for the very people providing them with cash because their favorite teleministers are political conservatives who believe in Reaganomics in the name of God.

The one thing they are qualified for debating is their religious doctrine, the gay or lesbian culture, and AIDS, although they often don't have their fundamental facts straight. Calling an 800 number and engaging such a debate may seem a waste of time, but consider what it's costing the broadcaster. First, the attendant is not taking in bucks while you're on the line, which is less money to fund anti-gay activity. Second, you just might enlighten the attendant, provided you refrain from angry or abusive language.

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Third, the service costs money to the owner - not to the caller and is monitored for its ability to produce income. Be cautioned, however, that schemes to continuously call a number then hang up have gotten some people into big legal hassles. A conversation is what the phone is for, you can do more good by having one, at least while free speech is still a reality.

Use the mails. Request free literature. Most teleministries are offering a department store selection of religious tapes, cassettes, books, and pamphlets. Jerry Falwell's Liberty University will relentlessly send you, your friends, or family scholarship offers, course descriptions, and other literature. Consider spending a couple of dollars for an offered tract of TV-fundamentalist wisdom. Doing so will guarantee that you will continue to receive information on other offers, as well as pleas for contributions because the ministries are in need of cash. Every one of these cost the teleministry money. Much of it is done through bulk mailings, but because of the thousands of letters they send out regularly, the costs are still huge. If they request a phone number, give them a correct one. This again will tie up more funds to support call back programs. If they call you unsolicited or not, engage them in a long philosophical conversation. Don't be shy to write a letter to any address you may see for a teleministry. It is unlikely that any tel-evangelical super-star will ever read it, but someone there will. If it is sincere, intelligent, and not blatantly insulting, you can reach into their organizations with a human touch. All of this costs them not only money, but people and facilities.

Remember, every fundamentalist is not a homophobe. Any person who calls him or herself a Christian may truly be benevolent. What is fundamental is that the human condition should be improved for all of us. ■

Michael Rossetti  
Scarborough, Me

## Exercising "Condom Sense"

▲ It's Saturday night, well past midnight, as you wander through the Old Port desperately seeking a glow in the dark condom to light your way. Where you gonna' shop? Condom Sense, Portland's exclusive condom store at 424 Fore Street.

Condom Sense opened for business on February 21, 1992. Despite some initial raised eyebrows and raised blood pressure from surrounding merchants, the store has found a niche with the neighbors. A little over one month later, business is booming. Condom Sense offers over 300 varieties of condoms with more choices on the way. True to its name, the shop also offers plenty of free informational pamphlets and literature concerning safe sex and just about any other sexual topic that involves condoms, sexual activity, sexual diseases, you name it.

Who shops there? According to owner Elinda Bones, 80% of their customers are women, age 25-35. The age range for male customers seems to be 35 and older, although the store sees a mix of individuals from teenagers to senior citizens.

Condom sense offers a variety of fun condoms (all FDA approved) such as the Stealth condom, glow in the dark condoms, and condoms in an array of colors. Favorites among women include the Rough Rider. Among men, the glow in the dark model seems to be popular.

Receiving the award for most unusual is the *Peter Meter* - a condom

complete with ruler markings along the side.

Among the best? A Japanese condom manufacturer, Sagami, has the distinction of never having had a condom failure. Every condom is tested for water leakage, airburst volume, airburst pressure, tensile strength, elongation at break, and aging. Open every day at 11:00 a.m., Condom Sense offers business hours that are customer-friendly seven days a week: Sunday until 6:00 p.m., Monday and Tuesday until 8:00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday until midnight, and Friday and Saturday they stay open until 1:30 a.m.

From married couples to parents with teenagers, Condom Sense takes the concept of inflation to new heights, with an estimated 3,000 condoms sold weekly. Shop owner Elinda Bones says that a catalog is in the beginning phases, and a franchise in Boston may be next. ■

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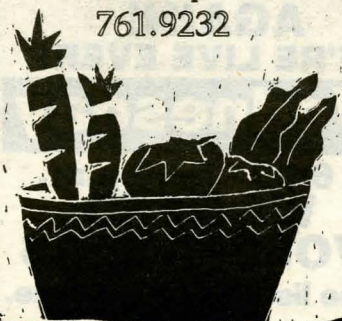
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held the piece high for the bidders to view. In a highly energetic, but never rushed pace, Rob called the bids and entertained the crowd. The organizers calculated that in order to sell all the 180 pieces of work within three hours, each piece would only get one minute on the block. There were some exciting minutes that night.

Toni Wolf's piece, "Conference At Night", had an estimated value of \$800 in the auction catalogue. But a bidding war broke out over the work. The crowd broke out into cheers and whistles as the bids kept getting higher and higher until the bidding closed at \$1,450, getting the loudest round of applause of the evening. A similar bidding war surrounded a faux wood and marble painted end table created by Marie Locke and Liz Moberg of Ralff & Sons. With an estimated value of \$550, the table went home with the highest bidder for a whopping \$1,000. Most of the works went for the estimated value or slightly above.

The auction went off without a hitch, thanks to the work done by the organizers such as Pat Pinto, who was the committee chair and who solicited local restaurants to donate hors d'oeuvres and champagne for the pre-auction party. David Becker who wrote the catalogue and was responsible for the exhibiting of the art and who, along with Josiah Adams, got some of the more well-known artists to contribute their work, Leo LaPlante who organized the flow of the auction from the taking of tickets at the front door to the cashiers to the wrapping of the works, Michael Quint who arranged with local florists to donate floral pieces to decorate the auction space at One City Center, Terry Smith who got local framers to donate their services in getting some works auction-ready, Jim Bratton who put together the invitation list, and getting the word out early and who, along with Della Parker and Terry Smith, organized the pre-auction party, Gary Chessie who single-handedly created an elegant and comfortable space for the party out of an empty room, and Roberta Wright who was responsible for organizing the publicity.

### AIDS POSTER ART DISPLAY DESTROYED AT USM

A gay bashing occurred at the Portland campus of the University of Southern Maine during the early morning hours of March 5, 1992. This bashing had a twist to it: it wasn't a gay man or lesbian who was bashed, it was an exhibit of AIDS posters on display at the student union at USM. Even so it was gay men and lesbians who were the real targets of this hate crime.

The exhibit, "Visual AIDS: An International Exhibit of AIDS Posters," was brought to USM at the suggestion of Chris Reed, a professor of art history at the university. It had been on display since February 5th and had generated a great deal of debate because of the "explicit" depictions of men having sex and of sexual images. The exhibit's reception by the USM

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## "Out" & About The Straight & Narrow

by Holly Valero

student body, however, was positive in general.

The exhibit has appeared at over 100 other universities and other locations around the United States and the world. The incident at USM was the first time the exhibit had been defaced. The collection included posters from Europe, Africa, South America, Canada, the United States.

The attacker spray-painting about 100 of the posters that were on display. For the most part, the damage involved a single line of black paint through the poster. But the attacker scrawled the word "Sodom" across one of the posters. Many of the posters were not touched, including the ones that had the most "explicit" pictures. The incident was turned over to the Hate Crimes Unit of the Portland Police Department for investigation. The police have not been able to identify the attacker.

Coincidentally, a demonstration to protest recent gay-bashings in the Portland area had been planned for the night of the day the poster exhibit had been trashed. Queer Nation and ACT UP/Portland planned a march and rally on March 5th to respond to February 22nd bashing of Ben Kowalsky in the Old Port. The gay bashing at USM added to the sense of many gay men and lesbians that we are not safe to be who we are or to express our differences.

A week after the bashing, about 250 students attended a teach-in organized by Prof. Chris Castaglia and the Women's Center. The teach-in lasted about 3 hours during which various faculty members and administrators spoke out against this particular type of violence occurring in a university. President Richard Pattenau also spoke. For the last hour of the teach-in, an open mike was available for students to air their views. None of the students expressed support for the attack.

In the aftermath of the hate crime, other groups overwhelmingly condemned such acts. Even the *Portland Press Herald* ran several editorials denouncing the act. The *Press Herald* previously ran an editorial, by Mark Harmon, deploring the exhibit, calling it "an in-your-face-assault on 'straight' society's values." In a near-complete about face, the *Press Herald* printed an editorial saying, "We will work for tolerance and mutual respect among all communities. We will condemn acts of bigotry and violence directed against homosexuals or anybody else."

### OUTRIDERS MAINE BICYCLE CLUB HITS THE ROAD

OutRiders Maine, a bicycle club formed last year, will start its second season of regular rides in April.

OutRiders is a bicycle club for gay men and lesbian women with an interest in bike riding-level of experience is not important. The idea is to get together with other gay people on a regular basis to enjoy exercise, the outdoors, and a meal.

OutRiders will gather in Portland at 5:30 every Thursday evening starting April 9 (the first Thursday of daylight savings time) at the Back Cove parking lot across the street from Shop N Save Supermarket. The club will bicycle for about an hour to an hour and a half, then finish up with a light snack or dinner at Raff's restaurant on Forest Avenue. Bike routes will vary from week to week and there will be multiple distances to cover so that riders of every level are encouraged to participate.

At least once every month there will be a special longer ride on a weekend day that will take riders to local areas of interest.

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◆ I'm 29 years old. My favorite food is rice krispy treats served with a grape crush. I like country music, especially Reba McEntire, and the old standards of the 40s. I have a compulsive habit of checking my emergency brake every few minutes when I am driving to make sure it is not engaged. The front left tire on my truck loses about 15 pounds of air pressure every week. Unchained Melody by the Righteous Brothers is probably my favorite song. I love to cook. When my partner leaves town on vacation or business, I have been known to surreptitiously purchase a box of lucky charms and eat them raw - all of them - before she returns. I was raised on a farm in Pennsylvania where my father, mother, brother, and I took care of several neurotic sheep, a handful of deranged chickens and dozens of farm cats. I was raped when I was around 21. I've been writing for Our Paper for around five years. I worked as a disc jockey for seven years. I graduated first in my class from high school. I am learning T'ai Chi in a Thursday night class. I like Jodie Foster-watching at the movies, bird watching in the Scarborough marshes, and cat watching at home. I hate short sleeves but always roll up my long sleeves. I love my Macintosh computer, painting, and writing. I sleep with a teddy bear named Steve. I've been married for five years-plus. Somewhere in all that I am also a lesbian. A lesbian who has never been in the closet.

The protest surrounding the Oscars and the rumors that Jodie Foster may be

outed on television during the show is obviously global in reach considering that it has actually trickled down to my ears.

I've sort of made a hobby out of being perpetually uninformed about social trends, goings-on, and gossip in general. If it weren't for the fact that I live with someone who reads the paper every day, my only social infusion would be from National Geographic, Food & Wine, and the Funny Times.

The process of outing celebrities and politicians enrages me. The outing side claims it to be a necessary evil in the battle to overcome homophobia and homophobia, and that those persons outed are, basically, so famous and/or wealthy that their lives have become the equivalent of shareware upon which the public hardware may chew.

"Hey, did you hear about Senator Spendmore?"

**Not to mention the general paranoia that results when a group out of nowhere decides to focus all their energies upon you. Think about the last time a few Hari Krishnas made a bee-line for you in an airport, or the time when a handful of Jehova's Witnesses showed up on your porch.**

"Yeah, wasn't this picture on a placard that read 'QUEER TO THE BONE' at the Capitol?"

"Yeah, boy that really tossed aside many of inconsistencies regarding the nature of our gay and lesbian citizenry!"

"Me too! I never fully appreciated the legitimacy of the lesbian/gay human rights issue. I think I'll go jot down some ideas for a piece of legislation that will have global implications!"

"Hey! Get that baby on my desk pronto! I want to add my signature as soon as possible so that we may swiftly move this through the legislative process!"

Hmmm. Call me a pessimist, but I don't think the result are going to be as positive as the Outers may believe. They do believe that the process will result in a positive and happy ending,

don't they? I mean, they wouldn't plant a land mine like that and just walk away from the chaos, would they? I'm assuming that they have some kind of safety net - support groups, funding, security, and a tag-team of therapists to help deal with the results of their work. Results like loss of income, family strife, parental custody cases, threat of personal harm.

Not to mention the general paranoia

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that results when a group out of nowhere decides to focus all their energies upon you. Think about the last time a few Hari Krishnas made a bee-line for you in an airport, or the time when a handful of Jehova's Witnesses showed up on your porch.

"Wow! Did you see the Oscars last night? They outed Jennifer Hollywood."

"It's about time someone knocked some sense into the heterosexual population! I loved Jennifer Hollywood in all those After School Specials about the Campfire Girls!"

"At last! A positive lesbian role model for my daughter! She's only 12, but I think she may be a lesbian!"

"Just like her older sister! That's great! America sure is a melting pot of social and ethnic diversification!"

I'll say. And thank goodness! I think we'll all breathe easier when we convince those less secure that individuality is encouraged in the U.S.A."

"You can't imagine the sigh of relief I let out when I discovered that my son's gym teacher is gay. At least I know my son won't be bombarded by constant heterosexual propaganda!"

"Amen!"

I consider myself to be a relatively private person. I shy away from crowds, seldom attend parties, and tend to suffer anxiety attacks at the Maine Mall when some department store employee approaches me with an application for a credit card in one hand and a free gift in the other. I spend the majority of my time working alone, with an occasional cat companion. My nearest relative is 500 miles away and we haven't seen each other in around ten years. I don't like telephones. In fact, if there were a lesbian monastery that had a big screen TV and a satellite dish, I would be wearing a saffron robe by now.

"Did you hear about Peter's ex-wife Helen?"

"I heard on CNN that she's a lesbian!"

"Yeah! Who would'a thought. It's a good thing that she's got the kids. This should really be enriching for them, especially in these formative years."

"How old are they anyway?"

"Janey is four and Marc is just turning two."

"Lucky kids...at least they won't be raised to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation."

A sadomasochistic virus has infected this country. Almost any night on television you may tune into a real live killing, or near death, or violent encounter during prime time.

Real life stuff. TV offers us everything from Rescue 911 to jaggedly-filmed cop shows featuring such intensities as actual vomiting to massacres. It's a nationwide case of roadkillitis that propels us to hit and run over anything minding its own business, and then back up to get a good look before speeding off for more excitement, more confrontation, more blood.

I believe that my sexual orientation is nobody else's business. Hell, between working 50-plus hours per week and restoring our house, half the time it's not even my business.

Intimacy becomes exploitation when exposed to the public, like film exposed to sunlight, or Geraldo exposed to himself. Accountability and responsibility are the mandates that distinguish the House of Lords from the Lord of the Flies.

"Frank! I just heard that Bill Clinton puffed on a joint - but did not inhale - while on a trip to England several years ago!"

"My God, Susan, you are incredible. We've got to lead with this one! Can we get a graphic from production of a joint to super-impose on the photo?"

"No sweat, we can use the one from the Dan Quayle piece..."

"Fabulous! What's the current lead?"

"Some group just outed Hillary Clinton."

"Hmmm...let me think. Maybe we can tie the two together..."

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## WIDE DIVERSITY IN MATLOVICH SOCIETY PROGRAMS

by C. David Keith

The Matlovich Society continues to present a wide spectrum of interests in its programming, providing speakers and topics meeting the needs of the various factions of our community. The programs of February 27, 1992, featuring Becky BIRTHA, and March 12, 1992, featuring John Greenberg were no exceptions.

Becky BIRTHA, a black, feminist, lesbian, Quaker who teaches at Bryn Mawr and Haverford Colleges read from her recently published collection of poems, *The Forbidden Poems*. A reception with book signing followed at the Matlovich Society offices at 72 Pine Street, Portland.

On March 12, John Greenberg, a founding member of ACT-UP, spoke to a full house on "AIDS and Activism". Having lived at what he characterizes as the "epicenter" of the AIDS crisis and the ACT-UP movement, Greenberg viewed his trip to Maine as an opportunity to get another perspective and relay his belief that the AIDS crisis is over and that the activism of ACT-UP is now a part of history.

Saying that AIDS leaves one open to all other illnesses, crosses all social barriers, enforces and breaks all stereotypes, contains all the horrors of the world, and gives birth to everything beautiful, Greenberg described AIDS as the perfect metaphor of the world and of our time. The crisis, however, is over, he said. The turning point has been reached and, for better or worse, the situation has become institutionalized.

The internal goal of activism, in general, is empowerment. Greenberg acknowledged the importance of activism as a means of expressing anger and the necessity of using activism to work through the anger. But empowerment does not come through the expression of anger; he feels empowerment comes through the process of becoming informed enough to ask good, hard questions.

Greenberg was challenged by some of the local ACT-UP members on some of his assumptions concerning the attainment of the various goals through activism, particularly the end of discrimination in Maine and the denial of access of women to clinical trials. Greenberg cautioned that those in the movement have sometimes confused themselves with their own rhetoric. It was necessary to scream on the streets in order to get into the rooms to talk with the authorities. "We are now in the rooms and should pursue a dialogue."

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### April 5 Sunday

"We Won't Go Back! March for Women's Lives" pro-choice activist demonstration in Washington by the Maine chapter of the National Organization for Women. Maine NOW is organizing a bus caravan from Maine with departures from Bangor, Augusta, Brunswick, and Portland. There will be a send-off rally in Portland on Saturday evening. Contact 883-1195 or Chris Rusnov for bus information at 873-0878.

### April 6-11

A week of special events held by area colleges and universities (see article in Maine Gayzette).

### April 7 Tuesday

Talk by Lawrence High School senior Ryan Scott on Tuesday evening, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. Scott gained notoriety recently in Central Maine when he dropped out of his Fairfield, Maine high school, citing gay-bashing and fear for his personal safety as reasons for leaving. The talk is part of a week-long celebration of Bisexual/Gay/Lesbian Awareness Days (B-GLAD) at the UMF campus, sponsored by UMF's Gay And Straight People's Political Alliance (G.A.S.P.P. Alliance), a student organization. For more information, contact Dawn Fortune at 778-7330 or 453-4075.

### April 8 Wednesday

Mary Bonauto, Staff Attorney for Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD), will speak on domestic partners and employment benefits. At the U. ME Law School, Middle Classroom, 246 Deering Avenue, Portland. 7:30 p.m. Free. Sponsored by the U ME Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Caucus.

### April 10 Friday

Alternative Mediums 1992 presents its 4th Annual Performance Night and Art Sale. Alternative Mediums is a group of local artists who pool their talents to create a forum for alternative art and raise money for a variety of AIDS organizations and AIDS-related work. Their goal is to integrate AIDS awareness into artistic expression; to bring together art and activism and have a good time in the process.

This year's Performance Night promises to be better than ever and features a dozen different presentations including music, dance, poetry, and film. It all takes place at Zootz (31 Forest Avenue), starting at 9:00 p.m. Doors will open at 8:30, and the show is 21+. A fabulous, ultra-hip, groovy progressive dance party will follow the performances, lasting until 2:00 a.m., whereupon everyone will move on to some late-night eatery. Tickets are only \$5.00 in advance, available at Zootz, Drop Me A Line, Amadeus Music, and Living Room North. Tickets will be on sale for \$7.00 at the door.

## Save the Saturday MAY 1 Our Po GAY/LES CON DAN

Our Paper will hold a Dance Fundraiser on 16th. The caller for the will be Maine's own, veteran of gay and straight calling for more than 20. Tickets go on sale May are \$5 in advance, \$7 at join the fun.

Look for more de issue of Our Paper reservations and more us at 761-0733.



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### April 9 Thursday



Internationally known as the "bad girl" of lesbian comedy, Delaria brings her show, "butchfemmelezziedykefag" to UMF on Thursday night, April 9, her second annual appearance at UMF. From coast to coast, her witty, often vulgar humor has garnered awards. "Nightlife Magazine" named her one of New York's Ten Funniest Women in 1987, the same year she emceed the rally of the now-historic march on Washington, D.C. for gay and lesbian rights. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. in Thomas Auditorium in Ricker Hall. For more information, contact Dawn Fortune at 778-7330 or 453-4075.

### April 9 Thursday

The Matlovich Society, the Holocaust Human Rights Center of Maine, and the Portland Museum of Art are cosponsoring Richard Plant's lecture "I Was a Double Alien Enemy: A Gay and Jewish Emigre from Hitler's Europe," 7:30-9:00 p.m., 9 April 1992, Portland Museum of Art, 7 Congress Square. Wheel chair accessible; signing provided for the hearing impaired. Seating is limited; a reception immediately follows the presentation.

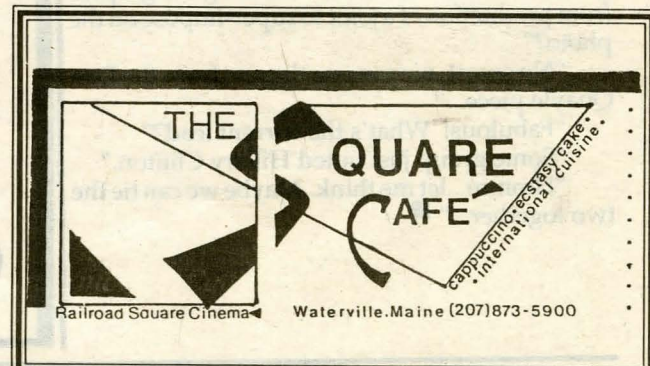
### April 12 Sunday

Community AIDS Services. Sponsored by the Greater Portland Interfaith Council. Healing for the Spirit; Hope for the Future. Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High Street, Port, 4:00 p.m. A time of fellowship will follow the services. All services will be interpreted for the hearing-impaired. Transportation is available by calling The AIDS Project at 774-6877. For further information, call Immanuel Baptist Church at 775-2301.



### April 14 Tuesday

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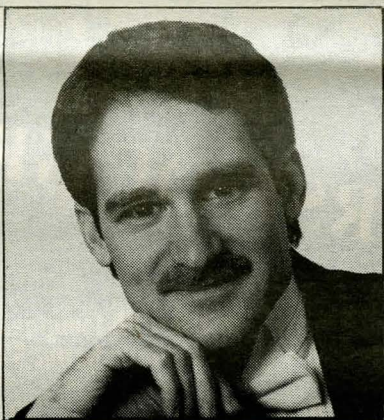
**April 13  
Monday**

Queer Nation takes on the Boy Scouts of America: An Action to Speak Out and Act Out Against Discriminatory Policies of the BSA. Time: 12:00 noon. Place: Pine Tree Council of the BSA, 125 Auburn St., Portland, near Northgate Shopping Plaza. Bring your merit badges. For more information call Queer Nation at 828-4024.

**April 16  
Thursday**

Are you a forgotten Scout? You are if you are gay, lesbian or bisexual and have participated in the Boy Scouts of America. If you want to learn more about the Forgotten Scouts and how you can make a difference, come to the organizational meeting of Forgotten Scouts. Time: 7:00 p.m. Place: The Matlovich Society, 72 Pine St., Portland. Call Terry at 874-2384 for more information.

**April 18  
Saturday**

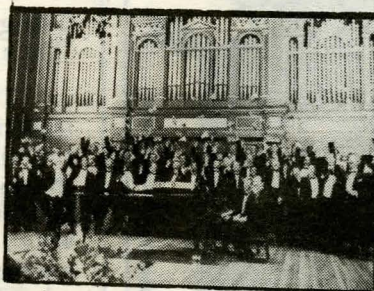


Pianist Martin Perry playing PIANO WORKS BY GAY COMPOSERS, including music by Copland, Barber, Rorem, Griffes, Cage and premieres by other gay and lesbian composers. The concert will include discussion of the music and the lives of the composers by Mr. Perry, who has appeared in Maine as soloist with the Portland Symphony Orchestra, and as a member of the prize-winning duo, Lewis & Perry. Kresge Auditorium, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, sponsored by the Bowdoin College Music Department. For more information, call 725-3321.

**April 23  
Thursday**

Reproductive Rights and Gay People - Why Men Should Care. Christine Torraca: Chair of S.A.F.E. Fund (Safe Abortions for Everyone), former national board member of N.O.W., lesbian feminist activist, contributor to progressive publications, Maine N.O.W. Rine Auditorium, 5 Monument Square, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Wheel chair accessible; signing provided for the hearing impaired.

**April 26  
Sunday**



Boston Gay Men's Chorus, 3:00 p.m., First Parish Church, 425 Congress St., Portland. Tickets: \$10.00, available at Amadeus Music, 332 Fore St., and Drop Me A Line, 144 High St., Portland. For more information call 207-773-6366. Handicapped accessible.

**April 26  
Sunday**

Sixth Annual Chocolate Lovers Fling, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. All proceeds to benefit the Rape Crisis Center's hotline to keep it operating. Very luscious and decadent! Call 879-1821 for more information.

**May 2  
Saturday**

BIKE FOR HOPE BIKE-A-THON (rain date: May 9) starting at 10:00 a.m. The ride is a 22-mile journey from Portland to Cousin's Island. Details of the route, a route map, and pledge sheets will be sent to you when we receive your completed registration form and fee. For more information call 773-8500.

**May 9  
Saturday**

Wild Iris Productions, Inc., presents comedian Kate Clinton in Concert. 8:00 p.m., First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street, Portland. \$12.50 in advance; \$14.00 at the door. Contact Beth Nitschke (247-3461) or Rita Cote (929-6344).

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# NEWS

## Why does She do it?

### APOLLO SOCIETY TO FORM

A new organization, called the "Apollo Society", designed to address the social and political needs of New England's lesbian and gay atheists, free thinkers, ethical humanists and Hellenists has been formed, according to Alexander Wallace of Portland, Maine.

"There are plenty of gay churches and synagogues and assorted social, activist and lecture societies and organizations around that claim to be apolitical but that still cling to the Judeo-Christian political tradition and status ladder," said Wallace. "Many of them may not even realize that they are religiously political. While atheists and Hellenists can still argue the value of 'religion', both groups recognize that, from Day One, the organized Western Church has been antagonistic to gays and lesbians and women and native Americans and many other persons and minorities that won't 'bend the knee'. Wallace also said, "Everything you've heard about our Saturnalias and Bacchanalias is true."

Persons interested in the Apollo Society can contact Alexander Wallace at 773-5726 or at P.O. Box 5301, Portland, Maine 04101.

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*With pride in yourself,  
you can appreciate the  
differences in others.*

main drag." Dennis announced as a perfect ending statement to the interview. When I go out now, I'll be less likely to cross the street to avoid the weird and the different, the "wow" and the "whee". ■



## Why I do it.



Eric dresses like a woman only when he performs in shows or pageants. Using the name Shivan, he has been lip-synching for the past two years. "I'm a female impersonator. I refuse to use the word 'drag queen'."

"The first time I ever did it was when I was in the navy." The Navy traditionally has an initiation for sailors when they cross the equator for the first time. The only way to avoid the initiation is to win a beauty pageant the night before the crossing. Dressed as Madonna, Eric won. "Why do I do it? -- A woman came up to me after a show at the Limelight and asked me why I don't just get it over with and have an operation. I don't want to be a woman. I just want to perform -- and performing dressed as a woman is what I do best."

"I do it for personal satisfaction and to get a reaction from the crowd."

Eric will appear in *La Cage aux Folles* at the Lyric Theatre in South Portland starting on April 24th.

# Planets

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**Dinners:** All dinners come with salad, rolls and butter. If you want a lighter meal, skip the salad and we'll take two dollars off.

Sauteed chicken breast with asian blackbean, garlic and scallions sauces. Served with rice and vegetable. \$9.95

Thai noodles with red curry sauce and assorted vegetables. with tofu \$7.95, with chicken \$8.95

Pan blackened chicken breast with remoulade served in a flour tortilla. With rice and vegetables. \$8.95

Korean-style BBQ porkchops with seared vegetables and rice. Served with kimchee. \$8.95

Steamed vegetables and tofu. Comes with rice and soy-ginger sauce. \$7.95.

Grilled top sirloin with grilled peppers and onions. With roasted potato spears and vegetables. \$11.95

Indian-style chicken in curry sauce. With chutney, flatbread, rice, and vegetables. \$9.95

Roast turkey with mashed potatoes, vegetables, gravy, and apple-cranberry compote. \$8.95

Frittata-Italian style omelet with tomatoes, mushrooms, onions, and provolone. Served with pesto and bruschetta. \$7.95

Focaccia with chopped fresh tomatoes, red onions, and olive tapenade dressing. \$4.95

Vegetarian potsticker with tofu, broccoli, bok choy, scallions, garlic and peppers. Served with soy-ginger dressing. \$3.95

Quesadilla with cheddar and cilantro. Served with blackbean salsa and sour cream on shredded lettuce. \$3.95

Cesar salad with fresh grated parmesan and bruschetta. \$3.95.

Southwestern-style fajita salad with grilled sirloin, salsa, cheddar, shaved lettuce and assorted vegetables. Served with flour tortillas. \$5.95

Lebanese salad plate with hummus, lentil-rice salad, red onions, chopped tomatoes and pita bread. \$4.95

Angel hair pasta with pesto cream and sundried tomatoes. Served with fresh grated parmesan and bruschetta. \$6.95

Pizza: Crisp sourdough crust with choice of sauce or fresh tomato. \$5.95. Basic pizza comes with provolone cheese. Extras \$1

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# Music Review

## Be Political Not Polite

◆ One look at the 60s shows us how important music is to political change. Thirty years later, music is still just as important in the motivation and encouragement of a group of people to continue their struggle for social justice. Romanovsky and Phillips' fourth record, *Be Political Not Polite*, could be seen thirty years from now as an important part of the musical heritage for gay rights.

*Be Political Not Polite* takes a look at many issues concerning the gay and lesbian community. The growing issue of gay parenting is dealt with in the song "Love Is All It Takes." Sung as a lullaby to a child by a gay parent, every word in the song deals with the fear that society will turn that innocent child's love for the parent into hate, using "prejudice and bigotry." "Good night my child/ So innocent, so young/ When they start teaching you to hate me/ I pray you won't succumb."

"Hymn" takes a look at the issue of the intolerant Catholic church, not only because of its views on gays and lesbians, but also because of its views of women, in relation to both the priesthood and abortion. "You deny all women the right/ To decide their bodies' fate/ Suggesting that their purpose here/ Is just to procreate." Also criticized is the church's condemnation of safe sex as a sin and the way it, as many churches do, "distorts the words to support your platform", referring to the Bible. The liner notes give the impression that the song does not criticize gay members, but instead "it is my hope that you will not compromise yourselves but will aggressively work towards bringing them into the 20th century."

"When Heterosexism Strikes" is a song dealing with the issue of the discrimination and oppression of gays by the homophobic society in which we exist. The song tells about Michael, who fought in the war, and was considered a good soldier "until a witch hunt of McCarthy style" in his room reveals love letters from another man, which in turn leads him to be on trial as a national security threat. The song also tells the tale of Sharon and Sue, who are kicked out of a restaurant "because they had the nerve to kiss." These are examples of heterosexism striking, and the song tells us that "we've got to stand up and fight when heterosexism strikes."

One of the reasons that we are prone to homophobic attacks is because we keep

our sexuality hidden. This issue is addressed in two songs, "One of the Enemy" and "Queers in the Closet." "I can't reach out/ To the ones who need a friend/ So I must pretend to be/ One of the enemy." The liner notes tell us that "the enemy is everyone, gay or straight, who passively supports oppression by their silence." "Queers in the Closet" berates the famous gays and lesbians for not using their stardom to help complete a cause that those before us have worked so hard for. "Queers in the closet in positions of power/ Doing a dance on thin ice/ Deals with the devil to be heros for an hour/ How long must we pay the price?"

A way of fighting oppression is suggested in the title song, "Be Political Not Polite." The song tells us that all hurtful words, expressions, and phrases are "every bit as deadly as a bullet tearing through the land" and that one way to solve these problems is to speak up whenever someone uses discriminatory terms against any group of people. This solution may seem small, but silence keeps us all in darkness. We can't change it overnight/ But we can shed a little light/ Be political, not polite."

Among the political songs are the usual, yet refreshing, "lighter" songs of bad relationships, good relationships, and the trademark tango. Guest vocalists Holly Near, the Phillips Sisters, and Michael Callen (whose book "Surviving AIDS" inspired an especially uplifting song on this album, "No False Hope"), among others, make this a musically enjoyable album. The lighter songs appear almost like reminders that, no matter how serious some issues are, it is also important to enjoy some songs just for the music.

More political than their previous three albums, this album is a little political and a little polite. More than a source of entertainment, this album serves as a kick in the ass for those getting burned out from the daily oppressive struggle, and hopefully will give others the boost they need to get out of the closet. ■

• *Malcolm K. Smith*

## MLGPA Update:

The MLGPA Board of Directors met 3/16/92 in a day long retreat to ensure the health as an organization be robust and filled with vitality. Over two dozen participants spent an enlightening day conversing and focussing on ways that MLGPA can work effectively to represent the concerns of the community. Betsy Sweet and Peaches Bass served as facilitators for the day-long workshop. Future visions of the organization included successful fruition of lesbian and gay rights legislation in Maine law, the establishment of a lesbian and gay credit union, and the establishment of support services for lesbian and gay youth. MLGPA thanks everyone for the great response to the recent survey. The results have been used in the development of a new mission statement and organizational structure/operating framework. Various working committees discussed fundraising, legislative, education, membership, entertainment, and regional concerns. MLGPA's next meeting date can be found in the Calendar section.

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# NEWS

**MAINE WRITER  
FEATURED IN  
CHRISTOPHER STREET**

A short story by Portland writer Alfred DePew appeared in *Christopher Street* (Issue 174). The story, "Voici! Henri" is from DePew's book of stories, *The Melancholy of Departure* for which DePew won the Flannery O'Connor Prize for Short Fiction. He teaches composition and literature at the Portland School of Art.

## ALTERNATIVE MEDIUMS PRESENTS PERFORMANCE NIGHT AND ART SALE

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On the same day next door to Zootz, Wherehouse will be hosting an art sale from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. All works for sale have been donated by the artists, so all money raised will go to Alternative Mediums 1992. This will be a great opportunity to view and purchase innovative and exciting works. Interested artists may donate pieces for sale at the event by dropping off their work at the Wherehouse (29 Forest Ave.) on Wednesday, April 8th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or Thursday, April 9th, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Contracts will be available then or by calling 799-0275. There is no admission fee for the art show, and there will be a gala reception from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Alternative Mediums T-shirts featuring original artwork by Cynthia Jabar will be on sale for only \$100.00!

Over the past four years, Alternative Mediums has raised over \$10,000 to fight AIDS. Now, in the midst of a recession, the need is greater than ever as most AIDS organizations are getting less funding from the state or none at all. Events like Alternative Mediums offer the chance to utilize your money twice—to invest in art and great entertainment and fight AIDS at the same time. Please join them and "fight that AIDS thang". For more information call 775-1514 or write to Alternative Mediums 1992, c/o 10 Pine St., Portland, ME 04102.

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## THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN:

## 7 DEADLY SINS OF LOVE (PART 2)

**DEADLY SIN #5**  
BEING IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE PLANS WITH.

ETHAN! HEY-IT'S GREAT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE, WE MISS YOU SO MUCH LISTEN-SAM'S MOM IS VISITING NEXT WEEK-- AND THEN HE AND I ARE SPENDING 2 WEEKS IN ARUBA-- AFTER THAT I BEGIN CLASSES-- HOWABOUT DINNER 6 WEEKS FROM NEXT TUESDAY-- WAIT, SAM SAYS THAT'S NOT GOOD FOR HIM--

HAPPY LOVIN' COUPLES AIN'T NO FRIENDS OF HIS.

**DEADLY SIN #6**  
SCREWING UP THE PUNCH LINES OF EACH OTHER'S JOKES.

SO IT'S HALLOWEEN AND THIS LITTLE KID'S TRICK OR TREATING, BUT HE'S IN THIS PIRATE COSTUME THAT HE DETESTS, SO HE'S IN A LOUSY MOOD... A LADY ANSWERS THE DOOR AND SAYS "WHAT AN ADORABLE LITTLE PIRATE YOU ARE .. BUT!" SHE SAYS, PINCHING HIS CHEEK, "WHERE ARE YOUR BUCCANEERS?"

AND HE SAYS "UNDER MY HAT"

NO NO NO, HE SAYS: "UNDER MY 'BUCKIN' HAT"

"MY BUCCANEERS ARE UNDER MY 'BUCKIN' HAT -"

"CAUSE HE WAS ANNOYED, GET IT?"

SHEESH-WAY TO SCREW UP A GOOD JOKE, HON.

**DEADLY SIN #7A**  
MAKING YOUR SINGLE FRIENDS GAG WITH ENDLESS PREACHING ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS.

HONESTY  
RESPECT  
COMPROMISE  
HARD WORK!

YOU'LL FIND HIM WHEN YOU SEX TWICE A WEEK

AREN'T LOOKING! DATE MORE! RESILIENCE BLAH BLAH BLAH!

**DEADLY SIN #7B**  
DRESSING ALIKE.  
(THIS ONE'S SO EXTRA DEADLY IT RUNS TWICE)

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# NEWS

## Regional

### MASS. GOVERNOR CREATES COMMISSION ON GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH

On Feb. 10, 1992, at a State House ceremony attended by over 100 people, Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts signed an executive order creating the *Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth*. The Commission, the first of its kind in the nation, will advise the Governor and the Secretaries of Human Services, of Education, and of Communities and Development about the creation of programs and services to help lesbian and gay youth in Massachusetts.

"There is no greater tragedy than the loss of a young life to suicide," said Gov. Weld at the signing. "The unfortunate reality is that nearly 30% of youth suicides are committed by gay and lesbian youth. More than 25% of young gays and lesbians are forced to leave home because of conflicts over their sexual identity. Incidents of harassment, violence, and discrimination against young people because of their sexual preference are all too common."

At the ceremony, David LaFontaine, lobbying director for the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, praised the formation of the commission as an historic beginning for protecting the lives and well-being of young gay and lesbian people. "Gov. Weld is the first governor in the United States to recognize officially the special needs of gay youth and to take action to protect their lives," said LaFontaine.

### G.L.A.D. SEARCHES FOR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) recently announced that they are launching a national search for GLAD's new Executive Director.

Kevin M. Cathcart, GLAD's Executive Director for nearly eight years, will be leaving that position on May 1, 1992, to become Executive Director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York.

GLAD, founded in 1978, is New England's oldest lesbian and gay public interest legal organization and does litigation and education on a wide range of gay and lesbian civil rights issues. GLAD's AIDS Law Project, founded in 1984, focuses on HIV-related discrimination.

When Cathcart joined GLAD in 1984, he was the sole staff person and the organization's annual budget was \$30,000. GLAD now has a staff of eight, including three attorneys (including former Portland attorney, Mary Bonauto), and an annual budget of over \$400,000. During Cathcart's tenure, GLAD's caseload included the successful challenge to the Massachusetts foster care regulations, successful defeats of attempts to put the Massachusetts lesbian and gay civil rights law up for a referendum, and a wide variety of cases under that Massachusetts law. In that time the AIDS Law Project has undertaken a broad array of cases including employment discrimination, right to medical treatment, and insurance issues.

### ADOPTION BY LESBIAN PARENTS APPROVED IN VERMONT

On December 20, 1991, legal history was made in Vermont when Judge Chester S. Ketcham approved the first "second parent" gay/lesbian adoption in the state. A "second parent" adoption means that each partner of a gay or lesbian couple adopts the same child sequentially. Usually, only one partner adopts the child. Only a handful of "second parent" adoptions, all involving lesbians, have been allowed in the country.

This case is significant also because the judge wrote an opinion, giving the case precedential value. The only other written opinion is a similar case in Washington, D.C.

### DARTMOUTH PUTS ROTC ON NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of Dartmouth College has formally notified the U.S. Department of Defense of its intention to discontinue its participation in the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) for students admitted after the class to matriculate in September 1993.

President James Freedman clearly reaffirmed—with the board's full support—Dartmouth's strong commitment to the principle of equal opportunity for all its students, faculty, employees, and applicants for admission and employment. This policy expressly confirms that Dartmouth will not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in its programs.

It appears the Dartmouth has indeed taken several measures to urge the Defense Department to reassess its position on barring homosexuals. Freedman has written Defense Secretary Richard Cheney twice in the past year to request changes. The Board of Trustees concluded the defense department has failed to provide a rational basis for its discrimination against homosexuals.

Dartmouth will continue working with other colleges and universities in urging the administration and Congress to ease the current ban on gays; their viewpoint also includes concern for the long-term harm to U.S. military that would result from cancelling ROTC programs.

Other universities considering a 1997 campus ban include the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University. CMU is said to have the largest Navy ROTC program in the nation, while Pittsburgh shares its Army and Air Force ROTC programs jointly with CMU.

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## Discrimination Still the Issue

by Barbara Winthrop

▼ Terry is her full legal name. She and her son Nicholas Westervelt represent the vulnerability of all of us in the gay and lesbian community. Fortrightabout her sexuality, she has been denied by the Boy Scouts of America the parental right to be involved on committees, hold any official position, or simply act as a den mother. Since she first challenged the policies of the Boy Scouts she has enlisted the services of GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders) as a legal resource in her fight to expose the extent of homophobia pervasive through this American institution which has been a part of boys' lives since 1907.

Because of her sexual orientation, Terry has been denied the rights of other parents of scouts and her son, Nick, has been made to feel uncomfortable in the Cub Scouts—an organization from which he has since withdrawn. The result is that what has long been considered a free choice for every boy has now become a test of civil rights focussed upon a "traditional family" mold espoused by the Boy Scouts. There is irony, however, in the conflicting values put forth in the Boy Scout Manual. Page 501, chapter 21, states that a family is: belonging, support, and love...two parents, one, or none. What makes a family is not the number of people in it, or whether they are related. It is the way they care for each other and share their lives with each other." Terry's love and caring for her son, Nick, clearly demonstrates this value. However, chapter 21 of the Boy Scout Manual continues with a definition of character that includes the term "morally straight." Usage of the term "straight" seems to be responsible for the purge of all gays from the ranks of the Boy Scouts, as well as the removal of all lesbians and gays from any official parental involvement. Use of this definition is seen as one of the most blatant examples of sexual discrimination, yet its use is legal in the State of Maine.

Though acknowledging that discrimination may exist, Senator Cohen was not convinced that it was pervasive enough to warrant any change in the existing laws. In a challenge to the law, Terry has planned a demonstration at the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts of America, located on Washington Avenue (Northgate shopping mall area) for April

13, 1992. She is asking community members to fill out Scout applications stating their gay or lesbian identities. As a part of the demonstration, she is planning to ask that the applications be processed.

Immediate action on a variety of levels—both verbally and letter writing campaigns to representatives—is necessary. It's time to start the bandwagon for the next anti-discrimination bill in this state. The first step is to find out how your representatives voted, and, if you are unhappy with their support, step two is to notify them.

One thing Terry has discovered in her efforts to inform people of her discrimination case is that, often, leaders are unwilling to respond due to a lack of response from their constituents. For example, when Terry contacted Meg Baxter, Executive Director of the Portland United Way, an organization that contributed \$82,000 to the Pine Tree Council of Boy Scouts, she found a sympathetic ear. Ms. Baxter was quick to point out, however, that she had not been aware of any discrimination by the Boy Scouts prior to Terry's experience. She also indicated that she had no consensus of opinion from those giving to United Way regarding this discriminatory policy.

Terry suggests that it is extremely important to write to Meg Baxter. Below you'll find a list of those who need to know the degree and depth of your feelings with regard to this policy. If you have been a victim of discrimination by the Boy Scouts, it is important to document that incident as well.


Terry is also in the process of establishing the first local chapter of the Forgotten Scouts, an organization "dedicated to fighting the current exclusionary policies of the Boy Scouts of America towards gay and lesbian people." Its founder, Ken McPherson, is adamant about the seriousness of the symbolism that the Boy Scouts represent in our society. As he says, "we're talking about Norman Rockwell here. We're talking about the very essence of what is family and what is not. As lesbian and gay parents know, we have been denied public membership in the American family all of our lives. Forgotten Scouts is an organization that has, as its goal,

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changing that forever." (Pg.3; Newsletter of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International) For further information about the Forgotten Scouts, you may contact Terry at: P.O. Box 3464, Portland, ME 04104, or call: 874-2384. The first meeting of the local chapter of Forgotten Scouts is scheduled for April 16, 7:00 p.m., at the Matlovich Center, 72 Pine Street, Portland, Maine. On the agenda is goal setting, strategy, and a letter writing campaign.

The April 13 demonstration at the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts begins at noon, in conjunction with Queer Nation.

Putting herself in the spotlight to protect her rights, she is working on a longer term project that extends well beyond the Boy Scouts - a project that is dedicated to researching organizations to determine which are sympathetic to the cause of lesbian and gay civil rights and to determine the sources of funding for those that are not. It's a long term commitment that can use your support. A list of names is provided below. Asterisks indicate that should ask for a response in writing. As you write your representatives, please send a copy of your letter to Terry so that she may better document the success. ■

### LOUISIANA GOVERNOR SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER ON DISCRIMINATION

Gov. Edwin Edwards of Louisiana signed an executive order barring state agencies from discriminating in jobs or services on the basis of sexual orientation.

Without fanfare, Edwards drew up the rule at the request of New Orleans lawyer John Rawls.

"It will give qualified lesbians and gay men the confidence to apply for a state job, knowing that the only issue will be their qualifications," Rawls said.

Rawls said the order, a first for Louisiana state government, is not as broad as the ordinance passed by New Orleans' City Council in December barring discrimination against gays.

The state order also prohibits discrimination against lesbians and gay men by state agencies in awarding contracts and by state contractors. The New Orleans ordinance bans discrimination in jobs and promotions and in renting apartments and houses, Rawls said.

Both Rawls and an attorney for the Louisiana School Board Association agreed that Edwards' order does not apply to local public school systems or other political subdivision of the state.

The order guarantees that gays "will not be treated as second-class citizens in their dealings with state government," Rawls said.

### MARYLAND KILLS GAY RIGHTS BILL IN CLOSE VOTE

A bill that would extend state civil rights protection to gays was killed Tuesday by the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on a surprisingly close 4-6 vote.

The bill's chief sponsor, Sen. Janice Piccinni blamed the defeat of her bill on lawmakers being unwilling to support an unpopular cause. She said several committee members voiced sympathy to the measure in private but voted against it Tuesday.

"They don't want to be perceived as condoning [homosexuality]," said Ms. Piccinni.

However, Sen. Howard Denis (R-Montgomery) said he was encouraged by the closeness of the vote and said he will support another attempt to pass the bill next year.

Sen. Norman Stone (D-Baltimore County) opposed the bill, contending that the state Human Relations Committee "already has enough to do." He also said that homosexuality should not be treated the same as race or religion.

### IOWA CLOSE TO PASSING STATE GAY RIGHTS BILL

The Senate Judiciary Committee of Iowa has voted to give gays and lesbians guaranteed rights under state law.

The committee approved a bill Tuesday that would define sexual orientation for the first time in the state civil rights code, and prohibit discrimination based on a person's "heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality."

The bill would add homosexuals to the list of minority groups guaranteed to access to housing, education, employment, and public facilities. It has met opposition in the Senate in the past, but supporters said sentiment is changing.

### DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS NOW OFFERED BY LEVI'S

Levi's Strauss & Co., the world's largest clothing manufacturer, has become the largest company in the nation to offer health benefits to the domestic partners of its unmarried employees.

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"This is really a discrimination issue," said Reese Smith, Director of Employee Benefits at Levi's. "We will not discriminate against people on race, age, or sex. We don't want to discriminate when it comes to marital status, either."

While domestic partner plans have been adopted by several U.S. cities, private firms for the most part have shunned them. According to a report released by Hewitt Associates, a benefits consulting firm in San Francisco, only 25 private companies nationwide offer such benefits. Prior to the Levi Strauss & Co. announcement, Massachusetts-based Lotus Development Corp. was the largest company to offer benefits. Lotus adopted its new benefits plan last year.

### HELMS BLOCKS COUNSELING FOR GAY YOUTH

Claiming that homosexuals have been using federal funds to "recruit" school children, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) has succeeded in preventing the government from funding drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs targeted at lesbian and gay teens.

Helm's amendment to an unrelated bill would prevent funds allocated under the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act to be used for programs intending to assist teenage homosexuals. Such programs have been set up in San Francisco and New York.

In a typical speech that came late in the day's session, Helms charged that the existing programs use federal money "to promote homosexuality in the schools." He further charged that the two programs "advocate homosexuality as a viable lifestyle and enable homosexuals to recruit students into homosexuality."

The amendment passed by a voice vote with no senators speaking in opposition.

### WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION RECLASSIFIES HOMOSEXUALITY

In late December the World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed that, beginning in 1993, homosexuality will no longer be classified as a mental disorder. The WHO had listed homosexuality as a mental disorder since 1948, listing it under "abnormal sexual inclinations or behavior . . . (not serving) approved social and biological purposes." The change is expected to affect lesbians and gays around the world. Many countries continue to base their disease classification on the WHO's manual. WHO follows the American Psychiatric Association's reclassification in 1973 and 1982.

### GAY RIGHTS BILL ENACTED IN ISRAEL

The Knesset, Israel's parliament, last Dec. 24, passed an amendment that adds protection for gay men and lesbians to the law that bans workplace discrimination.

The amendment was passed by a 34-5 vote and went into effect Jan. 3, according to Hadar Namir, a spokesperson for the gay rights group Otzma. Those convicted of discrimination in the workplace on the basis of sexual orientation face a fine of up to six months imprisonment, she said.

The gay rights bill enjoyed surprising broad support. According to Yo'av Karney, Washington, D.C., correspondent for Israeli Daily *Ha'aretz*, the bill was introduced in June 1990 by members of five politically diverse parties, including the social democratic Labour Party and the conservative Likud Party. Namir said the government also supported the amendment, and in fact only a few orthodox members of Knesset opposed the legislation.

The victory represents another milestone for the Israeli Gay community. In 1988, the Knesset repealed the law banning gay male sex. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays reported parents FLAG chapters were recently founded in Tel Aviv and Haifa, and another is planned for Jerusalem. And next June, the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights (SPPR), Israel's major gay organization, expected to formally open a gay community center in Tel Aviv. Namir said SPPR has collected about \$100,000 to fund the project, and has already started remodeling the future center.

"There is a big change in atmosphere," Namir said. "It's a change in attitude. The Community is starting to crystalize."

### Who to Write, Who to Call

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\*Senator William Cohen (780-3575)  
U.S. Senate  
Washington D.C. 20510  
Bill #S574

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U.S. House of Representatives  
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**GWM, 30 GRAD STUDENT,** attractive, conservative in style, liberal otherwise. Seeks similar, 26-40, non-smoker, HIV+ okay. Write to Advertiser # 314, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

**YOUNG MALE, 25, 5'10", 165 lbs.,** healthy, not into bar scene. Seeks a one-to-one friendship or relationship with an older man (40+) who can teach this young man to enjoy life to the fullest. You must be healthy, trim, and disease-free. Write to Advertiser # 302, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

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**I'M 35, 5'6", 150 LBS.,** brown hair/eyes, moustache. Eccentric but nice. Love theater. Am in local productions. Good looking. Looking to meet people. Moustaches and muscles welcome. Gabriel Chasse, 76 Spruce St., Portland, ME 04102. (PA4)

**CAREER ORIENTED BIWM, 31, 5'8", 140 lbs.** Clean, discreet, & drug free. Enjoy A/P French and love Rec Grk. Seek healthy GM/GF & Bls. Write Steve, P.O. Box 175, Oob, ME 04064.

**SO. ME GWM, 48,** healthy, secure, loving, sexually adventure, hard working. Into leather, travel, arts, etc. Seek friends and partner. P.O. Box 1169, Sanford, ME 04073. (PA4)

**BOY WANTED, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY,** by senior gem: fit, sophisticated, witty, historian/writer. YOU: under 35, athletic, clean, funny, healthy, non-hairy, educated preppie. OBJECT: long-term affair. Letter, photo only gets my reply. Box 5301, Portland, ME 04101. (PA4)

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**GWM, 21, 5'11", BR/BR, SLIM,** has a mind for intelligent conversation, a soul full of energy, and a body for sin. I'm looking for a mature, not always politically correct, aggressive guy and friendship plus. Interest include cycling, working out (just started), racquetball, reading, dining, candlelight showers, and ? Write to: POB 9715-274, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

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**GM, BEARDED, TALL, THIN, HAIRY, BALD, 35 AND SEXY.** Seeks 100%, GM, proud, open, secure with their sexuality and lifestyle, who are not influenced by ignorant, closed minded people, substance free, must have sense of humor, enjoy conversation, life, "the clubs", dancing and want to experience vibeology. If you cannot find your way out of the proverbial closet you need not respond. All others send name, letter, and phone to P.O. Box 6101, Falmouth, ME 04105. (PA4)

**MEN MEETING MEN.** Place your personal ad free. Mail with SASE: MMM Inc., P.O. Box P(C), Conway, NH 03818 (PA6)

**GWM TO SHARE FRIENDSHIP AND OUTDOOR ENJOYMENT.** ME: 38, 5'11", 240, Br/Br, beard, loving, caring, vers., experimental, HIV-. You: slim, 18-40, new to scene okay. 947-7112. (PA4)

**IT'S SPRING (ALMOST) - GROW WITH ME!** 26 year old GM seeks similar guys, Portland-South for good times. 140 lbs/Br/Bl. Into alt music, travel, aesthetics, and new experiences. Write to: Steve, P.O. Box 1199, Portsmouth, NH 03802. (PA4)

**You:** GWM, 24-35, professional, handsome, fit, sincere, frank, friendly, down to earth, sense of humor. Comfortable with sexuality, aware that being gay can make you a better person. Looking to meet decent, quality people. Me: GWM, 24, grad student, attractive, in shape, sincere, honest, wacky sense of humor. Diverse interests, including: politics, sports (working out), out of doors, movies, art, theater. I like who I am, you should like who you are. Please write about yourself and include photo (photo not determinative, though). 45 Falmouth St., #2E, Portland, ME 04103. (PA4)

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**MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP,** GWM, early 40s, in shape. Good looking, 5'7", 145 lbs., Br/Br. Enjoy working out, dancing, beaches. 35/45. P.O. Box 394, Auburn, ME 04212. Photo please. (PA4)

**WHERE ARE ALL THE FEMS?** GWM, 40, attractive, seeks fems any age for loving relationship/friendship. Pref. both. Write Hershey, 19 Anderson St., Portland, ME 04101 (PA4)

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE MAN/COUPLES WANTED.** 26 years old, 5'10", 150 lbs., br/gr looking for older (30+) men with beards or mustaches in Manchester, Concord, or Nashua. Write to Chris at 26 South Main Street #164, Concord, NH 03301. (PA4)

**MESSAGE GIVEN BY A GWM,** will help you relax. I also have given to straight guys. Call 795-0984, 7 am - 7 pm please. (PA 3)

### 24 - WANTED

**21 YEAR OLD WANTS A JOB.** Cook, clean, do windows. Love kids and pets. A Jack of All Trades. No Driver's license. Flexible in both hours and pay. Tammy Burrill, 61 Turner Street, Portland, ME 04101. (PA4)

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### 43 - RELIGION

**DIGNITY/MAINE** An organization of Gay and Lesbian Catholics which meets in Portland and Bangor. Dignity/Maine, P.O. Box 8113, Portland, ME 04401. Dignity/Bangor, PO Box 2157, Bangor, ME 04401.

### 44 - AIDS/HIV COUNSELING

**PWA COALITION OF MAINE** 337 Cumberland Ave., Portland. 773-8500.

**THE NAMES PROJECT** P.O. Box 4319, Portland. 774-2198.

**RUMFORD/MEXICO AREA AIDS SUPPORT GROUP** c/o Community Aids Awareness Program, (207) 369-0259. Group meets Monday evenings at the Mexico Congregational Church (the "Green Church") from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



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**THE CHART ROOM SALOON,** 117 Spring Street, Portland. (207) 774-9262.

**SABATOS,** 29 Forest Avenue (behind Zootz), Portland, ME 04101.

## 46 - POLITICAL GROUPS

**MAINE LESBIAN/GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE,** P.O. Box 232, Hallowell, ME 04347. We're working for change... You can make it happen!

## 48 - CPA

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## 49 - ATTORNEYS/LAW

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## 50 - POTTERY

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## 58 - MUSIC

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## 66 - COUNSELING

**TV AND TS SUPPORT GROUP.** A support group for TV and TS is trying to start up in the northern area of Maine. If you'd like more information write to: J.L., Box 692, Brewer, ME 04412. (PA4)

**LESBIAN COUNSELING GROUP** - On-going weekly counseling group for women who wish to explore themselves more fully. Group meets Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at 232 St. John Street, Portland. Cost is \$70/month. The group will be co-led by Lisa Bussey, M.A., CEDT and Rachel Sager, M.A. RSAC. For more information please call 775-7927 and leave message. Confidentiality respected.

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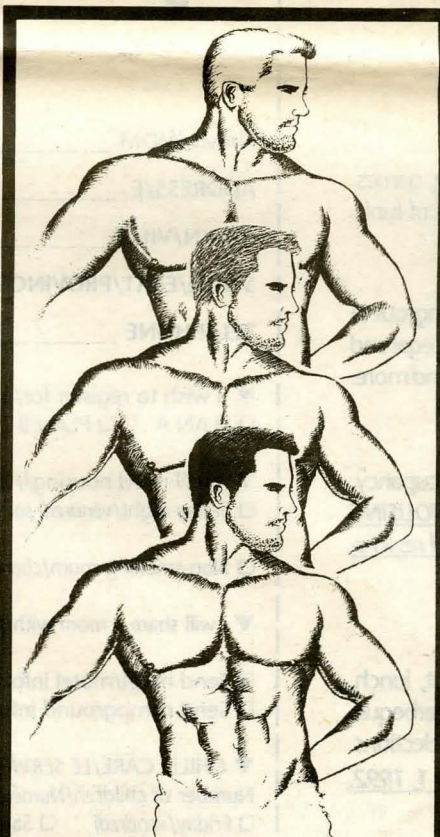
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**SUPPORT SPECIAL EVENTS FUN INFORMATION**



# Symposium XIX

## PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Maine Lesbian & Gaymen's Symposium XIX**  
Friday-Monday, May 22-25, 1992 University of Maine at Presque Isle  
mailing address: POB 990, Caribou, ME 04736 USA ▼ 207.498-2088 TDD/Voice

### ▼ MAINE LESBIAN & GAYMEN'S SYMPOSIUM XIX

Our state's nineteenth annual gathering is Memorial Day weekend, Friday-Monday, May 22-25, 1992 on the Presque Isle campus of the University of Maine. This year's hosts are the men and women of Northern Lambda Nord, the gay-lesbian-bisexual organization which serves the four counties of Aroostook (Maine), Madawaska, Victoria, and Carleton (New Brunswick).

### ▼ KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Hon. DAVID SCONDRAS, openly gay  
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Ms. ANNE BISHOP, Nova Scotia activist

### ▼ LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

TOM WILSON-WEINBERG and  
LISA JOY BERNSTEIN, cabaret entertainers  
DIANA HANSEN & PIXIE LAUER,  
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### ▼ SPECIAL EVENTS

First Symposium Mixed Doubles (Butch/Femme)  
TENNIS TOURNAMENT  
Second Annual Symposium  
LIP-SYNC & VOGUEING CONTEST  
Display of THE QUILT, presented by  
the Names Project/Maine

### ▼ ACTIVITIES

A weekend of workshops, discussions, films, dancing, games, new friends, meeting old acquaintances, and lots of fun!

### ▼ WORKSHOPS

A variety of discussions and presentation topics: Being out in the workplace, Parenting, Running for public office, Legal and health issues, Bisexuality, Our history, Relationships, and more.

### ▼ HOUSING

Dormitory rooms available on campus; all double occupancy, with linen, blanket, pillow, and towel provided. **HOUSING SPACE IS LIMITED**, first come, first served. **Guaranteed reservations for housing MUST be received by May 1, 1992.**

### ▼ MEALS

The FULL MEAL PLAN includes Saturday's breakfast, lunch, and buffet supper, plus Sunday's brunch and evening barbeque. All menus include both meat and vegetarian selections. **Reservations for meal tickets MUST be received by May 1, 1992.**

### ▼ CHILD CARE

Free child care available (ages 2 1/2 and older) but requests **MUST be received by May 1, 1992.**

### ▼ REGISTRATION

Your registration fee includes admission to all events: workshops, panel discussion, films, dances, and entertainment. Housing and meals are **not** included in the registration fee.

### ▼ PICK-A-PLAN

To simplify registration, you have five choices:

**PLAN A** - "The Full Package" is three nights lodging, five meals, and registration, all for \$89 (requires \$45 non-refundable deposit).

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**PLAN C** - One night lodging, four meals, and registration for \$60 (requires \$30 non-refundable deposit).

**PLAN D** - Includes five meals plus your registration for \$50 (requires \$25 non-refundable deposit).

**PLAN E** - Registration only, \$18; no deposit required.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The non-refundable deposits for Plans A, B, C, and D **MUST be received by May 1, 1992.** All fees are payable in U.S. funds only; Canadian money cannot be accepted.

### ▼ WORK EXCHANGE

A limited number of reduced-price plans are available for limited-income persons who wish to work in exchange for fees; students are especially encouraged to apply. Please write TODAY for further details.

### ▼ SPECIAL GET-TO-KNOW-YOU SCAVENGER HUNT

There will be a special scavenger Friday evening and Saturday morning, to meet other Symposium participants. This hunt asks for signatures of registrants according to a list of certain requirements. In order for the Symposium Committee to put together the varied list of items on the scavenger hunt, registrants are asked to fill in the short questionnaire on the registration form.

### ▼ SEND IN YOUR PRE-REGISTRATION TODAY

Complete the form below and return it by May 1, 1992 in order to guarantee your housing, food, and any special requests. SPACE IS LIMITED in the dormitory. We cannot guarantee housing on the UMPI campus unless we receive your reservations by May 1st.

**DON'T DELAY! REGISTER TODAY!**

# Symposium XIX

## PRE-REGISTRATION PRE-INSCRIPTION

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University of Maine - Presque Isle campus  
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▼ I wish to register for/J'e veux faire l'inscription

☐ PLAN A ☐ PLAN B ☐ PLAN C ☐ PLAN D ☐ PLAN E

▼ I will need housing/J'aurai besoin de logement

☐ Friday night/vendredi soir ☐ Saturday night/samedi soir ☐ Sunday night/dimanche soir

☐ Non-smoking room/chambre non-fumeur ☐ Non-alcohol room/chambre sans alcool

▼ I will share a room with/J'e partagerai une chambre avec \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Send hotel/motel information/Envoyez les information hôtel/motel


☐ Send campground information/Envoyez les information de terrains

▼ CHILD CARE/LE SERVICE DE GARDERIE


Number of children/Numéro des enfants \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children/Leurs âges \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Friday/vendredi ☐ Saturday/samedi ☐ Sunday/dimanche ☐ Monday/lundi

▼ SPECIAL NEEDS/BESOINS SPECIAUX

☐ Wheelchair accessibility/Accessibilité aux chaises roulants 

☐ Sight assistance/Assistance aux aveugles

☐ Signing for hearing-impaired/Communication par signes pour les sourds 

☐ Traducteur/interpréter (anglais/français)

☐ Other/autre \_\_\_\_\_

▼ I enclose my non-refundable deposit/J'ai inclus un acompte non-remboursable

AMOUNT ENCLOSED/MONANT INCLUS \_\_\_\_\_ (\$US Only/US\$ seulement)

Make check payable to/Veuillez faire le chèque à ordre de NLN-SYMPOSIUM XIX

Mail form and payment to/Envoyez la formule et la paiement à  
SYMPOSIUM XIX, POB 990, Caribou, ME 04736-0990 USA

### First SYMPOSIUM MIXED DOUBLES (butch/femme) TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Are you a "top spinner" (butch) or are you into making a color-coordinated fashion statement on the court (femme)? If you're a butch, find a femme partner to pair up with, or vice versa. We're not gender-oriented; the only requirement is butch/femme. *Even if you can't bring a partner, SIGN UP; we'll find you one.* Bring either a new can of tennis balls or a \$3 entry fee per team, plus a racquet, tennis shoes, and bug repellent (just in case). Fill in this form:

Butch's name \_\_\_\_\_

Femme's name \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I need a partner (check box)

Estimated arrival day/time in Presque Isle \_\_\_\_\_

Departure day/time \_\_\_\_\_

### 2nd annual SYMPOSIUM LIP-SYNC/VOGUEING CONTEST

YES! I wish to sign up for

☐ Lip-Sync ☐ Vogueing

I will bring my music on

☐ Cassette ☐ CD

Other requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

### GET-TO-KNOW-ME SCAVENGER HUNT

My hobby or interest \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite color/food/other interesting thing \_\_\_\_\_

A gay or lesbian organization I belong to is \_\_\_\_\_

Something unique about me \_\_\_\_\_

**Housing space guaranteed  
ONLY if we receive this pre-registration  
form by May 1, 1992!**